

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 301

Honoring the 30th anniversary of Congressman John Murtha's service.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2004

Mr. SPECTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the 30th anniversary of Congressman John  
Murtha's service.

Whereas John “Jack” Murtha, during 5 decades of service  
to our Nation, has been an exemplar of dedication, drive,  
sacrifice, and patriotism;

Whereas John Murtha left Washington and Jefferson College  
after only 1 year of study to join the Marine Corps dur-  
ing the Korean War out of a sense of obligation to his  
country;

Whereas John Murtha ran a small business in Johnstown,  
Pennsylvania, while starting a family with his wife,  
Joyce, and attending the University of Pittsburgh on the  
GI Bill;

Whereas he volunteered in Vietnam in 1966–67, already in  
his mid-30s;

Whereas in 1974, he became the first combat Vietnam veteran elected to Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania;

Whereas he continuously works to attract and keep jobs in and around his District and to develop essential sewer, water, and transportation infrastructure;

Whereas in his position as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, he is a national leader on defense, health care, and social issues and uses his position to benefit Pennsylvania, the region, and the people;

Whereas he founded the House Steel Caucus and regularly defends our steel industry from unfair imports; and

Whereas he has been one of the strongest advocates for children, seniors, and veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. CONGRATULATION AND COMMENDATION.**

3       The Senate—

4               (1) honors the lifelong commitment of John  
5       Murtha to the ideals of our Nation;

6               (2) recognizes John Murtha's exceptional dedi-  
7       cation to his constituents, to the State of Pennsyl-  
8       vania, and to the United States; and

9               (3) congratulates John Murtha on 30 years of  
10      superior service in the United States Congress.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

2       The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-  
3 rolled copy of this resolution to Congressman John Mur-  
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